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INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL BHARAT DARSHAN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are considering to introduce 'Special Bharat Darshan Trains' to tourist places like Rajasthan to promote domestic and foreign tourism in collaboration with Ministry of Tourism and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that several countries have issued warnings to their citizens to avoid travelling India due to increasing crime on tourist;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Railways have received proposal from Ministry of Tourism to start "Special safer tourist coaches" for both domestic and international tourists, if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) No such proposal has been received from Ministry of Tourism. 'Bharat Darshan' trains, for promotion of domestic tourism, have been in operation since the year 2005 with different itineraries based on market demand, popularity and operational feasibility.

(b)&(c): Travel advisories are issued by various countries from time to time, advising their citizens to avoid travel or to take precautions while travelling to other countries / certain areas in other countries for various reasons. Certain countries including the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and France have advised women tourists to exercise caution while travelling in India, particularly alone and at night.

(d): No, Madam.